

# Weeder's Digest

Volume 10, Issue 6



*You are invited to attend our annual*  
**"Valentine Planted Container"**  
**SILENT AUCTION**

Laguna Beach Garden Club  
P.O. Box 362  
Laguna Beach, CA 92652  
[www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org](http://www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org)


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This month's meeting:  
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February 13, 2014

"VALENTINE PLANTED  
CONTAINER"  
SILENT AUCTION

Laguna Presbyterian Church  
Tankersley Hall  
415 Forest Ave.  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

10 a.m. - 12 noon

 Plan to arrive at **9:30 a.m.** for our pre-meeting social, which includes refreshments, visiting our plant & boutique tables, meeting other members, & the opportunity to sign up for our **Member's Tour & Green Thumb Project** (more information on this, on page 9).

Each year, our talented members donate their creations made with live plants and unique containers. The tables are dressed in approximately 70 different and beautifully designed arrangements, all with their very own bid cards and available for your bidding!



On February 13, 2015 at 9:30 a.m., we will begin with light refreshments. Auction starts at about 10 a.m. followed by a short business meeting, a presentation by our very own Lynn Jax, and we'll wrap up with a final chance to bid.

100% of this event's proceeds will be donated to "Jewels of Nature," a 501 c 3 organization devoted to the rescuing and rehabilitation of orphaned and unhealthy hummingbirds. Our goal is to purchase an aviary for the young fledglings to practice their flying in a safe environment.

Monique Rea, founder of the organization, has been a speaker at our club and will be at the auction to answer questions and offer her hand-painted cards for sale.

[www.hummingbirdsrescue.org](http://www.hummingbirdsrescue.org)

There is no charge to attend. If you are lucky enough to claim an auction item, you may pay for it with cash, check or charge.



**Invite a friend & we hope to see you there!**



## President's Message

*from Jorja Puma*

Oh my gosh, there are a multitude of terrific events coming up for the Laguna Beach Garden Club in the next month or so....

First of all, there is the Orange County District meeting at Crystal Cove on February 9th. We had more members than usual sign up to go to this gathering, which is sensational. I would like to see our attendance even higher. I am hoping that with our very own, Elaine Davis, becoming the next District President that our club's attendance at District Meetings will increase substantially. Congratulations, Elaine. The next District meeting will be the installation of the new District officers at Sherman Library and Gardens on Monday, April 6th at 9 a.m. It would be wonderful to have a large number of LBGC members at this event recognizing Elaine's new position. Mark your calendars.

Next, on February 13, we have our annual Valentine Container Auction. Every year, I am impressed with the creativity of the different types of containers and the time dedicated to their success. This year, I am pleased to say that all proceeds from the container auction will be donated to [Jewel's of Nature](#), Monique Rea's nonprofit hummingbird rescue organization. Monique is especially in need of an aviary to aid in the transitioning of the baby hummingbirds she's rescued back to the wild. She is incredibly dedicated to the life of every little hummingbird, and I am proud that our organization can support her in this passion. Monique is grateful for LBGC's donation and says, "It will truly be appreciated by both myself and all the future hummingbirds that I will be rehabilitating back to nature."

Many of you had questions for Monique about the world of hummingbirds during our January meeting that were left unanswered. We've invited Monique back, and she has graciously agreed to attend our February meeting. Monique will be available to answer your questions in a designated area where she will also have some of her artwork available.

Our short program for February will be excellent. Lynn Jax, your Vice President, and Program Director, will be speaking on the different *Gardens of the Pacific Northwest* that she and her husband, Perry, visited this summer. Not only am I looking forward to Lynn's presentation, but to Perry's incredible photographs.

Three Cheers! We have a date for the Sister City Garden Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. It is Wednesday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m. in Heisler Park at the Sister City Garden. I am so proud of the collaborative efforts of the following: Laguna Beach Sister Cities, Laguna Beach Beautification Council, the incredibly talented and generous, Ruben Flores, Laguna Nursery and of course, our fabulous organization, Laguna Beach Garden Club. What a group! Let's all attend and celebrate this spectacular new horticultural addition to our city. Your formal invitation, from Sister Cities, will be emailed shortly.

LBGC is extremely grateful to the Laguna Beach Community Foundation in partnership with the Massen Greene Foundation for the \$10,000 grant they awarded us in 2014. \$5,000 of the grant was used to fund a significant portion of the costs of the Sister City Garden. Massen Greene is a generous friend of LBGC, and we are honored to have their continued support in 2015.

I hope you are all planning on participating in the Patriot's Day Parade on Saturday, May 7th. Our club will be making an impression on our community as we march through the streets of our lovely Laguna Beach. The sign-up sheet will be passed around at our February Meeting. We are a club of 225 members. Let's all march!

There is so much fabulousness going on in our club, that *Tidbits from our Garden* has been omitted from this newsletter.

**LBGC Directors  
2014-2015**

**Jorja Puma**  
President

**Lynn Jax**  
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**Vernetta Lieb**  
Treasurer

**Nancy Lawrence**  
Financial Secretary

**Jeanne Yale**  
Past President



Please  
*welcome*  
our  
**New Member**

**Becky Barber**



**Our Club is a  
MEMBER of:**



**Orange County District**  
[www.ocdistrict.org](http://www.ocdistrict.org)

**California Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
[www.californiagardenclubs.com](http://www.californiagardenclubs.com)

**NEXT MEETING:**  
CGCI winter board meeting will be held Feb. 2-5,  
in Fresno, CA.

**Pacific Region**  
[www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org)

**NEXT CONVENTION:**  
Pacific Region Garden Clubs annual convention  
will be held April 20-22, in Eugene, OR.

**National Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

**NEXT CONVENTION:**  
NGCI annual convention will be held May 12-18,  
in Louisville, KY.

**FEB  
9**

**Next  
OC DISTRICT  
Meeting**



**Crystal Cove State Park  
Newport Beach, CA**

**Monday, Feb. 9, 2015  
9:00 A.M.**

Please see next page (pg. 4) for  
OC District Garden Club Meeting  
invitation and information

👁️👁️ Please note the orange box at  
the top of the invitation, with  
information for us last minute  
decision-makers! 👁️👁️

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Ashley King, Editor

Additional information about the club can be found at:



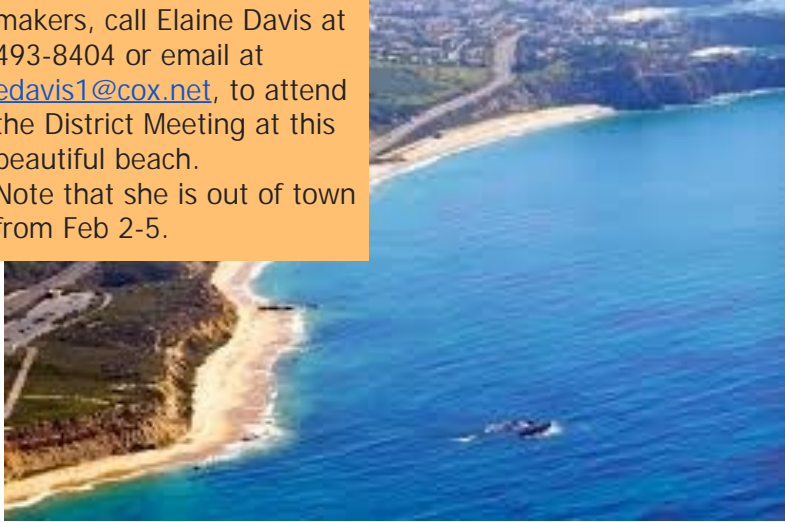
[www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org](http://www.lagunabeachgardenclub.org)

Please contact **Elaine  
Davis** for more OC  
District meeting  
information.

# ATTENTION!!

## Please Join Us!

For last minute decision-makers, call Elaine Davis at 493-8404 or email at [edavis1@cox.net](mailto:edavis1@cox.net), to attend the District Meeting at this beautiful beach. Note that she is out of town from Feb 2-5.



### Orange District Garden Club Meeting

Monday, February 9 at 9:00 AM

Meet at parking lot on east side of PCH

Free Parking—Shuttle Ride One Dollar or a short walk under PCH.

Five Dollars to be paid to Elaine Davis, Laguna Beach Garden Club Liaison and 2016-2017 District Director.

By January 26th.

32562 Sea Island Dr. Dana Point CA 92629

FOR PARKING: FROM PCH NORTH, TURN RIGHT AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHT.



After the meeting you can lunch along PCH at Ruby's (the former Date Shack) or bring a bag lunch and eat on the beach.

The 2015-2016 slate of board members for Orange District will be presented and includes many from our Laguna Beach Garden Club.





# Centerpiece...



February is our annual Valentine Planted Container Silent Auction, therefore we will not have just one single centerpiece, but many!

Thank you to all of those bringing in planted containers to our February general meeting!

You are helping contribute to a wonderful cause!

## February's Refreshments

**\* Don't forget! \***



Joyce Oliver  
Gene Costello  
Virginia Kajikawa  
Ingrid Martinez  
Linda Middlebrooks  
Jinx Langemak  
Erin Marie Bradley

Linda Humes  
Rebecca Barber  
Dixie Henry  
Donna Wadsworth  
Sandra Weir  
Dee Koski  
Wendy Caufield

## 2014-2015 Membership Books



Additional Members & Corrections sheet for 2014 is now available to print out for your membership booklet.

Also, be sure to sign the back cover of your Directory so it can be returned to you if lost. Thanks again to Dalynn Malek, for all your hard work on these!

**\*\*PLEASE** let us know if there are any errors so that we can correct them a.s.a.p.! Thank you!\*\*



## BOUTIQUE TABLES

Whether gifting yourself, a loved one or a friend, our boutique tables will provide you with many different

options! In addition to our famous gloves, fans and Gate & Garden Tour books, we will also have a new LIMITED TIME ONLY item available for purchase.... A beautiful, 2015 LAGUNA BEACH CALENDAR, photographed and designed by one of our very own talented members! Be sure to stop by!!

We have a few remaining copies of our beautifully designed **Gate & Garden Tour (of Crescent Bay) hardback books** available for purchase! Be sure to stop at our boutique tables at our next meeting to check them out. They are incredible!!



\$50



"Gate & Garden Tour"

## Spread the *Love & Sunshine...*



If you know of a member who might need a little cheering up - **a little sunshine** - because of illness or any other reason, please contact our Sunshine Chairperson, **Dee Koski**, and she will send them a note to let them know we are thinking of them. Dee can be reached at (949) **494-1459** or at **kl.koski@cox.net**

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Don't worry...  
We've got you  
covered.



RECAP

Our Club's very own...  
**ELAINE DAVIS** to serve  
as Orange County District  
Director!



By: Ashley King

As I'm sure you're already well aware (especially after reading our President's letter from Jorja), Elaine Davis will be serving as our District Director for the Orange County District for the 2016-2017 year. Elaine has been such a valued member of our garden club, always bringing forth wonderful, creative & fun-filled ideas for everyone. She has held a board position as our Ways and Means, and has done such a wonderful job fulfilling, and exceeding, her title. She has been serving as our district's corresponding secretary as well. Wherever we go, we can always count on Elaine to have captured memories, via photos, for everyone to enjoy. She is the perfect balance of "looking-to-improve" and "enjoying-the-moment." Since I joined this club, Elaine has encouraged and inspired me to explore all things that make me happy. Her zest for life, heart for others, and never-ending knowledge leave me with complete confidence that she will be nothing but a wonderful leader for the Orange County District. Congratulations, Elaine! You are well deserving of this position!



## PENNY PINES (REFORESTATION PROJECT)

At each of our monthly meetings, we collect loose change from those members who wish to donate to this wonderful cause. At January's meeting, we collected:



**\$ 117.51.**

It truly is a wonderful thing that we're doing! To learn more about Penny Pines Reforestation Project and why we support it, please visit:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/sbnf/home/?cid=STELPRDB5289898>

Thank you, Kathleen Kane, for your help and dedication to this wonderful cause!

## PLANT & BOUTIQUE TABLES



We had a variety of plants and decor at our January meeting.

Despite the rain, our tables raised **\$112.00** that day. Let's top this in the months to come! We can do it!

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations, helped set up, manage, sell, and clean up that day! You guys are so great!



## Volunteer of the Month...

You, too, can win recognition for anything you do that benefits the club. We want to cast a wide net and catch any member who volunteers time. For instance, we expect you all to fill out a ticket stub with your name at the meeting.

Remember activities such as the Pocket Park, Hortense Miller Garden, Library Planters, the school gardens – all qualify you to win a pin & special prize.

**Winner for January 2014** – Congratulations to **Cathy Bosko**, our wonderful volunteer of the month! Your time and dedication to our club is very much appreciated!!!



Thank you,  
Lynn Jax

January's centerpiece was brought to you by

*Sue Goldberger*

Thank you for your willingness to help! We are so grateful for you!



I'm so sorry that I didn't capture a photo of Sue's wonderful centerpiece! If anyone has a photo of Sue's lovely centerpiece from the January meeting, please email it to me at [ADKblog@gmail.com](mailto:ADKblog@gmail.com) or send via text at (949) 923-8940. Thank you so much in advance!

Thank you to these wonderful folks for all of the tasty refreshments they provided for our January meeting. We are so thankful for you all!



Lisa Fecteau	Kathy Leary
Donna Sheaffer	Etta Cannon
Jackie Souadijian	Cindy Succa
Jinx Langemak	Faye Jacobs
Nancy Lawrence	Lisa Mahar

Member Tour : O.C. Succulents & Toro Landscaping - 01/23/15

For January's member tour, Tom arranged two incredible stops for our club members in Irvine. First, we stopped at O.C. Succulents, which happens to be one of my favorite places for all drought tolerant plants (and bromeliads).

Chris walked us through the entire place, sharing with us, his great wealth of knowledge, as his parents own the place. Chris actually graduated from LBHS! We thought that was pretty neat! All of us in attendance were given a free, 4" potted succulent, of our choice, to take home with us. It was a great time! Toro Landscaping, also in Irvine, has incredible prices and a

large variety of plants, mainly used for landscaping. Most everyone then met at Souplantation for lunch following our shopping fun! If you've yet to join us on one of our member tours, do consider it in the future! These are always so much fun!



Green Thumb: Floral Globes with Natalie - 01/16/2015



Natalie never ceases to amaze us with her incredible art and craft talents. She always has something amazing planned. January was no different, as she had a group of members together, creating beautiful floral globes. No matter how crafty or, if you're anything uncrafterly you are, feeling like an artist in no time! She is always so encouraging along projects are made to number of our show you at least have created with can walk you garden with MANY



different, as she had together, creating globes. No matter you're anything uncrafterly you are, feeling like an artist in no time! She is always so encouraging along projects are made to number of our show you at least have created with can walk you garden with MANY

we'll call them! Consider attending one of our Green Thumb Projects. Check your Membership Directory for upcoming dates. You can always sign up for these at our monthly meetings and trust me when I say, you will not be disappointed!





## GREEN THUMB PROJECT

In lieu of our monthly Green Thumb Project, we will be hosting a Facebook class to teach our members how to maneuver and manage their very own Facebook page. If you do not currently have a Facebook page, or if you'd like to better learn how to use this social media site, please join us at our regularly scheduled Green Thumb time of **9:30 a.m.** Please bring your own laptop or iPad/tablet to this meeting.

Where: The Home of Lynn Jax  
456 Cress St.  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651



## MEMBER TOUR

SIGN UP AT  
OUR FEB.  
MEETING!



On **Friday, February 27, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.**, join Tom and other Garden Club members, as we venture out on a MYSTERY Tour that Tom has all planned out for us....

We'll be meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Sign ups & limited details will be provided at our February meeting.

Join us if you dare!

FEB  
14 & 28

Garden Walks with

LAGUNA NURSERY'S *Ruben Flores*

Come join Laguna Nursery's Ruben Flores on yet another amazing Garden Walk (or 2)! Venture along as Ruben takes us through beautiful parts of Laguna Beach with all of his knowledge, energy and humor! \$10 purchase at the nursery serves as your ticket to join. Always a great time!!!

Where: Laguna Nursery  
1370 S. Coast Hwy.  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Time: 10:00 a.m.  
(arrive a few minutes early)



Laguna Nursery

2015's

GATE & GARDEN TOUR

Woods Cove

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Title: **Gate & Garden Tour of Woods Cove**

presented by the  
Laguna Beach Garden Club

Date: Friday, May 1, 2015

Time: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tickets: \$45 in advance,  
\$50 on tour day

Description: A self guided walking tour of  
cottage gardens in historic Woods  
Cove near Bluebird Park.



Gate & Garden Tour



# Helping Hands

“Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.”  
-unknown

Many of us want to help, but aren't exactly sure what to do, how we can help, or where our help is needed. This section, called "Helping Hands," is here to help inform folks about many of the projects our wonderful club is a part of, while also sharing the areas where help may be needed and, of course, always appreciated!!! We have such an incredible group of individuals and volunteers who give so freely in so many different areas. All of what we do and all that we are wouldn't be possible without you!!!

 Are you involved in the **FESTIVAL OF ARTS** or do you know someone that is? If so, please contact **JORJA PUMA** at [paja143@me.com](mailto:paja143@me.com).

## Calling all WRITERS!

We are looking for someone who is interested in writing up applications for our club for the opportunity to receive awards.

Please visit: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/content/award-forms> to see all of the available awards along with their applications.

If you are interested, please contact **Jorja Puma** via email at [paja143@me.com](mailto:paja143@me.com).

## FOR THE PLANT & BOUTIQUE TABLE

Gloria Manders is requesting **flowering plants and plastic bags with handles** for our plant table. Feel free to bring in anything that you think our members will enjoy. Last month, we had some birdhouses that everyone just **LOVED!** We always look forward to these treasured finds! Please contact Gloria Manders at (949) 494-4593 with any questions.



## Hortense Miller Garden Volunteers

Any Wednesday or Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, join us at the Hortense Miller Garden in North Laguna. Please see **page 18 and page 21 in our Membership Book** for more details or contact **Brooke Taylor** at: (949) 357-7022 or via email at [brooker-t2@cox.net](mailto:brooker-t2@cox.net).



## Forest Avenue Pocket Park

Please see **page 54 in our Membership Book** for detailed information on the Forest Avenue Pocket Park. If you'd like to volunteer some time with this project, please contact **Jeanne Yale** at (949) 497-9400 or via email at [jeanne.yale@cox.net](mailto:jeanne.yale@cox.net).

Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.  
-John Wooden

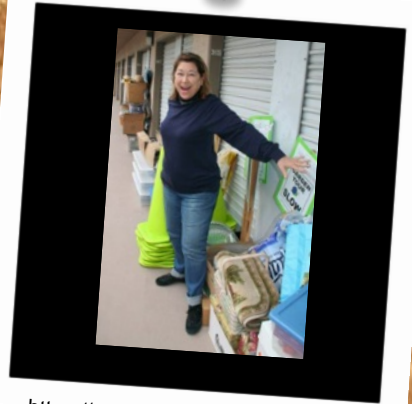
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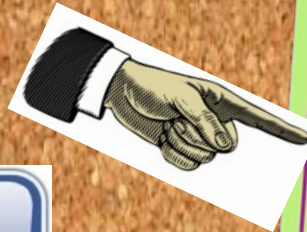
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The snapshot to the left contains a link to the story about how I was leaving work the other day, and realized the planters in the front of the hospital needed some cleaning up. So, in my scrubs, I did what everyone who loves succulents would do.... I started cleaning them up and replanting them....

The snapshot to the right, includes a link to a photo album that has a few images of the day we cleaned out our storage unit. So many folks showed up and helped get through all of our belongings. A task that most would dread, was fun because of the wonderful people who helped! Thank you!!



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## LAGUNA BEACH GATE & GARDEN TOUR

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## LAGUNA BEACH GARDEN CLUB

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Laguna-Beach-Garden-Club/122398214486940>



Garden as though you will live forever.  
William Kent



## Calendar Summary

### Dates to Remember this Month

- ♥ **Wednesdays & Thursdays, Every Month, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** – Get dirty at Hortense Miller Garden. Bring your own tools, water & lunch! This is for a wonderful cause! Please contact Brooke Taylor at [brooker-t2@cox.net](mailto:brooker-t2@cox.net) with any questions and/or for more information.
- ♥ **Friday, February 13, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.** – Monthly Club Meeting – at Laguna Presbyterian Church, Tankersley Hall (see pg. 1 for details).
- ♥ **Friday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.** – **Valentine's Cabaret – Laguna Nursery**  
<https://www.facebook.com/LagunaNursery/photos/a.94702237549.88258.47532862549/10152851125927550/?type=1&theater>
- ♥ **Saturday, February 14 & 28, 10:00 a.m.** — **Garden Walks with Ruben Flores**– Meet at Laguna Nursery – 1370 S. Coast Hwy, Laguna Beach (949) 494-5200 (see pg. 10 for info).
- ♥ **Wednesday, February 18, 4:00 p.m.** – Ribbon Cutting for Sister Cities Garden – Heisler Park
- ♥ **Friday, February 20, 9:30 a.m.– Facebook 101: Everything you need to know about Facebook.** Please bring your own laptop or iPad/tablet to this meeting/class. (see pg. 9 for more info).
- ♥ **Monday, February 26, 9:30 a.m.** – **Board Meeting & New Member tea at the home of Polly Dix.** (see Membership Directory for more info).
- ♥ **Friday, February 27, 9:00 a.m.** – **Member Tours & Travel** – Join Tom and others on this mystery adventure!! (see pg. 9 for more info).